Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 18, wherein the singleton in-memory object is implemented as a configuration Java bean.

4. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[10]] 15, wherein the singleton in-memory object is implemented as a configuration Java bean.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[10]] 15, wherein the split reference section includes a plurality of split references.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[10]] 15, wherein identifying the split reference includes determining whether an identifier of the split reference matches a requested field from a plurality of requested fields in the request.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[10]] 15, wherein determining the reference column includes locating the column from a plurality of columns in the data store according to a value element of the split reference.

15. (Previously Presented) A method in a data processing system for executing a request on a data store, the method comprising:

receiving a request containing data;

responsive to receiving the request, locating a split reference section in a singleton in-memory object;

identifying a split reference from the split reference section;

determining a reference column from the split reference;

extracting a value from the data, wherein extracting a value includes determining whether a split length element exists; and

placing the value in the reference column according to an order.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein, responsive to determining the split length element exists, the value includes a number of characters of the data specified in the split length element.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein, responsive to determining the split length element does not exist, the value includes a number of characters of the data remaining.

18. (Previously Presented) A method in a data processing system for executing a request on a data store, the method comprising:

receiving a request containing data;

responsive to receiving the request, locating a split reference section in a singleton in-memory object;

identifying a split reference from the split reference section;

determining a reference column from the split reference;

extracting a value from the data; and

placing the value in the reference column according to an order, wherein the order is located in an order element of the split reference.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[10]] 15, wherein the request is an extensible markup language request message.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[10]] 15, wherein determining a reference column further comprises determining a plurality of reference columns, and extracting the value further comprises extracting a plurality of values, wherein a first value of the plurality of values is placed in a first column of the plurality of columns, and a second value of the plurality of values is placed in a second column of the plurality of columns.

21. – 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for executing a request on a data store, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request from a client containing data, wherein the client does not have knowledge of a database structure for the data store;

second instructions that locate a split reference section in a singleton in-memory object;

third instructions for determining a reference column of a split reference in the split reference section; and

fourth instructions that extract a value from the data, wherein extracting a value includes determining whether a split length element exists, and place the extracted value in the reference column, wherein the data is split into multiple columns of the data store, and wherein the order is located in an order element of the split reference.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the singleton in-memory object is a Java bean.